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In re A	pplication of:	Gary L. Shanklin		
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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below.